

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF DISCHARGE HEARINGS AND
REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS UNDER THE 1986
AMENDMENTS TO 11 U.S.C. 524(c) and (d)

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, effective on November 26, 1986, discharge hearings are no longer required except in cases in which the debtor seeks to reaffirm a dischargeable debt, the following is

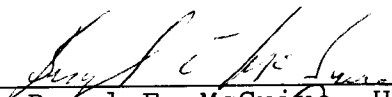
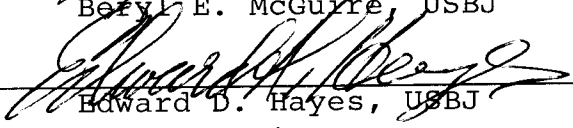

ORDERED:

1. Debtors and counsel will no longer be ordered to attend a discharge hearing, except as provided below.
2. Discharge Hearing Calendars will be conducted on a regular basis throughout the district, at which debtors may present themselves for a full explanation of the meaning of discharge and of reaffirmation. Times and places of such calendars are available from the Clerk.
3. Written information regarding these subjects will be made available to individual debtors by the Clerk.
4. Any reaffirmation agreement filed with the court pursuant to 11 USC Section 524(c)(3) must be accompanied by a "Request for a Sec. 524(d) Hearing Date" on a form prescribed by the Clerk. Such request shall specify the Discharge Hearing Calendar at which the debtor and counsel will appear for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 11 USC Sec. 524(c)(5), (d). The request will be deemed granted unless the party is otherwise advised by the Clerk. The date requested must not be sooner than the last day to file objections to discharge nor later than a date specified by the Clerk for the administrative convenience of the court.
5. The requirements of Section 524(c) and (d) do not apply to a court-approved reaffirmation agreement entered into in settlement of an adversary proceeding or contested matter.
6. Debtors inquiring with regard to their duty to appear at a discharge hearing by virtue of orders of the court issued before November 26, 1986 may be informed by the Clerk that they are relieved of such duty, except as otherwise required above because of the filing of a reaffirmation agreement.

Date: 11-24-86

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Beryl E. McGuire, USBJ

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